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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
PENNSYLVANIA-GERMAN SOCIETY  
AT ITS  
SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT LANCASTER, PA.,

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1897.

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THE Executive Committee of the Society held its usual quarterly meeting at the Stevens House, in Lancaster city, on the evening of October 21, for the transaction of such business as should be brought before it.

MORNING SESSION.

The seventh annual meeting of the Society was held in the Orange Street Opera House, Lancaster, on Friday morning, October 22, at 10 A. M. The Society was called to order by the President, Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., who called upon the Rev. Charles L. Fry to offer a prayer.

PRAYER OF REV. CHARLES L. FRY, OF LANCASTER.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. Thou who wert our fathers' God art still our own. A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Amidst a world where all is change, Thou ever remainest the same all-wise, all-merciful, all-mighty, all-loving God, our Father and our Saviour, and our Comforter: the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old; amid the privations, the struggles, the hardships, the turmoils and conflicts of those days which tried men's souls. We thank Thee for their high value of the inestimable privileges of liberty of conscience and an open Bible: that for these priceless treasures they were willing to suffer the loss of their property, their homes, their fatherland, all material possessions they had in the world, and become destitute exiles in a foreign land for the maintenance of principle, of freedom and of truth.

Our hearts do, indeed, burn within us as we recount the thrilling history of their tremendous sacrifices for conscience sake, and of the noble part they bore in the ever-memorable struggle of the American Revolution, as loyal sons of this new land of their adoption, baptizing its soil with their life-blood in the holy cause of liberty.

We thank Thee that centuries before, when our remote forefathers were fierce barbarians, worshipping their heathen gods in the wild forests of the north, Thou didst send them Christian missionaries to tell them the good tidings of Christ Jesus and His blessed Gospel of peace.

To convert their furious, resistless power instead of being the ravaging scourge of Christendom into a mighty force for the extension of Thy heavenly kingdom, which is operative to this day as its chiefest factor. We thank Thee that in the universal darkness and thralldom of the Middle Ages it was they who had the courage to dare and the wisdom to achieve the glorious Protestant Reformation. We praise Thee that Thy grace was sufficient for them in every extremity. They cried unto Thee and were delivered; they trusted in Thee and were not confounded. Thou wert their refuge and strength: a very present help in every time of trouble. Not unto them, O Lord, not unto them, but unto Thy name belongs the glory of their steadfastness and courage.

And as we feel a just pride in our ancestry, as we pray that we may be worthy sons of these noble sires, help us to realize that as with them so with us, and on to the end of time, it is only in proportion as Thy Word and Thy Spirit are moulding our hearts and lives, only to the extent that we live and move and have our being in Thee, only to that degree are we strong with Divine strength, and are building upon the foundation which is immovable and eternal.

Bless this Society, we pray Thee, and make it a power for good in this Commonwealth. We realize our absolute need of Thy blessing on our doings if these doings are to be salutary and permanent in their influence upon the world round about us. Without Thee we can do nothing that is beneficent and enduring. We, therefore, begin the exercises of this day by invoking Thy presence and presidency among us. Bless us as citizens of this favored land: a land whose barns and granaries are bursting with fatness, having enough and to spare for supplying the

lack of all other nations. God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand, firm in gratitude for Thy goodness and in adherence to Thy law: firm in the maintenance of righteousness, and in the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Direct us, O Lord, not only this day, but at all times and in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son our common Lord, in whose words we sum up all our petitions as we pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

E. K. Martin, Esq., of Lancaster, on behalf of the citizens of that city then delivered the following eloquent address of welcome:

#### MR. MARTIN'S ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Six years ago it was the distinguished privilege of Lancaster County to entertain the handful of earnest men who had assembled here to lay the foundations of the PENNSYLVANIA-GERMAN SOCIETY. There was a peculiar significance in the selection of this place to inaugurate the undertaking, for, while other portions of Pennsylvania, a hundred and fifty years ago, were as intensely German,

Lancaster County from the beginning represented more varied phases of German life than any equal area of the Commonwealth. Six years ago when I extended to you the welcome of Lancaster County and Lancaster City in behalf of her German descendants, I recall, there was some uncertainty about the future of this movement. It was an experiment, but it was after all a German experiment which usually possesses a large degree of the element of success before it is undertaken. We recognized how our God-fearing ancestors had blazed the paths of civil and religious liberty through the wilderness, and we felt that the time had come to put the field notes of their wandering on record, but we did not know where those notes were to be found. Some few had been gathered by that illustrious friend of the German in America, Dr. Seidensticker, and they were recognized as priceless treasures. Judge Pennypacker had given the leisure of a laborious life to uncovering this trail at its starting point back in the Swiss mountains and we stood astounded at the historic wealth these remote beginnings disclosed.

Six years have passed, and I greet you here once more under what auspices?

The Pennsylvania-German Society assembles at Lancaster, happy in its past, confident of its future, all preliminary questions set at rest, full of the animation that is born of success, its ranks heavily recruited from the highest and most influential citizens of the Commonwealth, who welcome this opportunity to bow their heads in reverence to those fathers and mothers, less distinguished in name, whose common life and sturdy industry, reflected through generations, are our most sacred inheritance.

It is prepared to disclose what the American public has yet to appreciate, that this people in no way resembles its

pretended portraits. That hitherto historians from lack of intimate knowledge of them have too much delighted in exceptional details: crude, trivial personations which have illustrated the under side in their lives. That had they studied the profound realities that are back of them with the same fidelity that they studied those back of the Puritan and the Huguenot, they might have seen how the isolation in language, the closely drawn family circle, the deep religious sense, the unremitting toil in the lives of the humblest of our ancestors had created a mental anatomy capable of indefatigable sacrifice and unswerving devotion to principle, not through a single life but through generations of men.

Thanks to Pennypacker, Egle, Sachse, 'Dubbs, Diffenderffer and Porter we have a literature that is a common joy and pride with fresh facts every day coming out from their hiding places to adorn its pages and make a record for simple honesty, stout self-denial, and century-long perseverance on the part of our ancestors in homespun, which will challenge for them the admiration of mankind.

The Carthagenians complained that they made good enough history, but the Romans wrote it. In the laudation of the English occupation of America you would think their old allies, the Hessians, made our history. The organization of this society six years ago put an end to that infidelity. May I criticise this literature a little? Splendid as it is, not enough of the old Pennsylvania-German fireside is in it yet. I mean that fireside about which the boyhood of our grandfathers gathered. The fireside in the Pennsylvania woods and on the Pennsylvania hills before the common school system came in, with much noisy self-sufficiency scattering the ashes from that sacred hearth and putting our fathers under the tute-

lage of the Irish schoolmaster to have their lives flogged out if they could not rehearse the story of Plymouth Rock. That fireside that was made to answer for church and school in how many lives, where the dear old German mothers and grandmothers between the play of the spinning wheel told the legends of the past and even seemed to weave them into the fiber of the skein, for the absence of a literature made them a reminiscent race. Those legends would be richer to-day than the story of Puritan or Cavalier in as much as the struggles and sufferings of our German ancestry were longer drawn out and more merciless in the fatherland and equally thrilling here. Your own boyhood must have caught the echo of some of the ancient border stories rehearsed at these firesides by the elders. Stories born of the forests in which their forefathers wrestled with savage beasts and yet more savage men.

Neither was there wanting in their simple, wholesome, Christian fidelity material for the dramatist or the poet.

Ada Rehan as Meg Merrilles, in the dramatization of Guy Mannering, tries to recall to Harry Bertram, who when a child had been stolen by smugglers, the scenes of his youth, in order that she may prove his inheritance to his titles and his fortune. She sings a lullaby she had often heard chanted by his cradle, perchance this will revive the memories. It begins :

“ Hush thee, my baby, thy sire was a Knight,  
Thy mother a lady, so lovely and bright,”

and while she sings the light of other days comes to his eyes and he recalls his place and his people. Match that with the nugget from Pennsylvania-German life that Pennypacker picked up somewhere. Some of you have heard it.

A German family named Hartman, in the early part of the last century settled beyond Reading. They had a daughter Regina, aged nine years, and the pious mother had taught her from infancy to sing the glorious Lutheran hymn beginning :

“ Allein, und doch nicht ganz allein  
Bin ich in meiner Einsamkeit.”

After the defeat of Braddock in 1755, the Indians came pouring over the Blue Mountains, and in the absence of the mother attacked the home, killed the father and son and carried little Regina into captivity far west beyond the waters of the Ohio. For nine years nothing had been heard from her. In 1764 General Boquet defeated these Indians in a battle at the Great Meadows in Western Pennsylvania and imposed as one of the conditions of surrender the restoration of all captives; so they were gathered from the tribes and brought to Pittsburg, and those who remained unidentified were taken to Carlisle. The German mother with hope still flickering in her heart trudged the weary distance to find her lost child. Among the captives was a young girl of eighteen. After all means of identification failed to the despairing mother she began to sing :

“ Allein, und doch nicht ganz allein  
Bin ich in meiner Einsamkeit.”

The old familiar tune and words revived the recollections of the girl, and mother and child rushed to each other's arms. While the one circumstance would fitly help out the lively fancies of Sir Walter Scott, the other could only be rendered in the deeper German *Gemüthlichkeit* of a Schiller or a Goethe.



Much of this valuable folk-lore has already perished, but much can yet be rescued. The pathetic story I have given above comes back to us by way of the fatherland, but the old garrets of eastern Pennsylvania, I doubt not, if faithfully searched, would give up records that would enrich German-American literature beyond conception.

It is not difference in language that makes difference in people; it is race instincts. Diffenderffer in his *Exodus* of 1709, points out how a colony of Germans, whom good Queen Anne sent to Ireland, through a century and a half preserved their peculiar language, religion, methods of life, and even dress, refusing steadily to amalgamate with the Celtic influences that surrounded them and remaining during all that period essentially Teutonic. Here in Lancaster County you have precisely the same wonderful race tenacity.

Penn attempted to engraft on his English stock other scions, trusting to the virility of his masterful race to preserve the English type, but the strong German sap has outworn them all in Lancaster County. The descendants of the early English who own acres of land here to-day are becoming rare. The children of the Scotch-Irish by a kind of natural selection have quit farming and taken to politics and business, and their ancient acres are covered with the big red barns that betoken another kindred. The Welshman has been lost in the shuffle, and the Quaker is marrying the Dutch girl in self defense. So reads the record at the close of the Nineteenth Century. It has taken almost two hundred years to get there. But "by their fruits ye shall know them."

I like that book of Ian Maclaren, "*Beside the Bonny Briar Bush*," because it teaches that life in the small is not life in the mean. Our ancestors were not as showy a race as others of Penn's followers, I will admit. In their un-

remitting toil they did not indulge in great enterprises. Their battle with the forest and the clod and the field was not calculated to nourish "A youth sublime with the fairy tales of science and the long result of time." But they were pious, patient, peaceable, hospitable, self-respecting, industrious, sincere, earnest, and if their handing over to their descendants such a legacy as Lancaster County is not on the whole a brilliant achievement, I do not know where you will find one.

I am rather disposed to think "The Lancaster Dutchman" has done well enough in the land of his ancestor's adoption. I welcome you to that land. (Great applause.)

The response to the address of welcome devolved upon Professor Matthias H. Richards, D.D., of Muhlenberg College, who gracefully acquitted himself of the pleasant duty in the following words:

DR. RICHARDS' RESPONSE.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Pennsylvania-German Society:*

The Pennsylvania-German Society responds through me, its representative to the welcome of the city of Lancaster with outstretched hand. Nor has it failed, in your keeping as its chosen spokesman, to assume a warmth and a beauty, even as that of these red roses of Lancaster which grace our President's desk, which make it thrice grateful to us. We realize fully that it is good for us to be here at this annual convention, our foot is on our native heath, even if our collective name is *not* "MacGregor."

As we have come to this hall, our eyes have looked upon names familiar and as facile upon our tongues as they are stumbling blocks for the stranger to our vernacular; and

we are comforted therefore with the confidence that our own names will not be tortured into caricatures of their identity. Your streets, bearing their old colonial names, king and queen, duke and prince, remind us so ingeniously of our forefathers and of our history of a people that we must rejoice at them even while they lead us hopelessly astray. Even these raindrops which have come unbidden to our meeting, and sound forth their applause from roof and window-panes, are no chill for us, for they too suit in most realistically along with recountals of ancestral hardship in these then pathless woods and upon these once bridgeless streams. Our enthusiasm may well voice itself as against them in the challenge, "Come one, come all, this rock shall fly from its firm base as soon as I!" And this all the more since we who are Teutonic have tonic adaptabilities for equalizing conditions when wet without which the rocks of Scotland never have had! But while we gratefully accept Lancaster's gracious welcome, we must declare what and who we are; let her know this, and welcome us as such, if she will! All society is built upon facts and truth, if it be well founded. The fact upon which we build, and which our association is striving to define and make certain is that we are the descendants of German ancestors whose settlement notably in Eastern Pennsylvania, leaves us of the third, fourth and fifth generations an English-speaking, German-hearted people possessed of the homely treasure of a dialect peculiarly our own. We are not ashamed of this fact! It is indeed folly to be ashamed of any fact not of one's own causing and beyond one's own hindering! But we emphasize this because there are those inately ashamed of their descent as Pennsylvania Germans. If it were in our power to rewrite history and to make for ourselves ancestors English

or Irish, Scotch or French, we should not do it, but retain our own, just as they were, with all the facts surrounding them. We are proud of our birthright; we are Pennsylvania Germans; and we would have the world know it as we stand up to be counted in the roll call of this society. But we are jealous also to be known and named as being what we are, not as something else. We are *Pennsylvania Germans*; we are not *Pennsylvania Dutch*! There are descendants of the Dutch in Pennsylvania; and the name belongs to them, good, bad or indifferent! We shall not allow that name to be fastened upon us if our protest can avail. We repudiate the slur intended and conveyed by it for ourselves and our Dutch cousins! We shall persist in calling for testimony, in demonstrating facts, until our researches have given our forefathers all the honor due them and remaining so largely even yet unpaid by the writers of the history of this country.

Moreover we stand for a truth, as well as for a fact! That truth is that men are better for filial reverence, for honest pride in their forefathers, for the summing up of virtues which command imitation since they are linked to household names. Those rise most surely who fear to fall; and the nobility of descent shows its noblest trait when it forbids descendants to descend from the heights of character won by those whose names they bear. We are not asking you to receive us because of what grandsires and grandsires' grandsires did, but because we recount their best virtues that they may become our admonitions and incentives. Another truth we hold, and shall exemplify when the severer duties of this day have been finished: we believe in the recuperative goodliness of breaking bread and eating salt in fraternal fellowship. We could not be true to our stock had we no stomach for the social fray, if we

could not digest the problems gastronomic as well as solve the tangled questions historical. We shall ask Lancaster to prolong her welcome to us therefore until our banquet lights burn out and the morrow's sun springs up. Then with the morning mists our gathering will have melted away, and grateful remembrance replace the joyous present of this your hearty welcome and this our grateful response thereto. (Great cheering.)

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT, REV. DR. THEODORE EMANUEL SCHMAUK, OF LEBANON, PA.

It was in this City of Lancaster that the Pennsylvania-German Society, six years ago, organized and met for the first time. The gentleman who has greeted us so eloquently this morning was the one who then addressed the first words of welcome to the new association, and it is significant of the substantial service this Society is rendering to the history of Pennsylvania, that what Mr. Martin said at that first meeting, together with the Society's reply to him made by Mr. George F. Baer, are now incorporated, as a description of the part the Pennsylvania Germans played in American history, in a large historical work of reference which John Fiske, Geo. P. Fisher and George B. Adams of Yale, Moses Coit Tyler of Cornell, H. B. Adams of Johns Hopkins, E. A. Grosvenor of Amherst, Herbert L. Osgood of Columbia, each professors of history in their respective institutions, together with George Parsons Lothrop and United States Commissioner of Education Harris have declared to be one of the most valuable reference books in existence. That the objects for which this Society was called into being are now in process of attainment is further demonstrated by the appearance of Mr. Sachse's magnificent volume on *The German Pictists of*

*Pennsylvania*, a little over a year ago, by the new *School History of Pennsylvania* about to appear, and drawing largely from Mr. Sachse's material, from the pen of Dr. Brumbaugh, and by the work done on "*The Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania*,"<sup>1</sup> by Mr. Richards, our faithful and enthusiastic Secretary. But the crowning achievement of this Society is the work it has under way just at this time. It is the publication of a *History of the Settlement and Development of Pennsylvania under German Influence*, a history both narrative and critical. The chapters already under preparation are as follows:

The Fatherland 1450-1700, J. F. Sachse.

The German Exodus to England in 1709, F. R. Diffenderffer.

The Founding of Germantown, Hon. S. W. Pennypacker, LL.D.

The German Emigration to America, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.

The German-Swiss Immigration into Pennsylvania subsequent to 1727, Dr. W. H. Egle.

The German Emigration from New York Province into Pennsylvania, Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards, D.D.

The Pennsylvania-German Pioneer—His Domestic Life and Characteristics, Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D.

The Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D.

The Reformed Church in Pennsylvania, Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D.

The Moravian Church, Rt. Rev. J. Mortimer Levering, etc., etc.

The Dunkard Emigration and Denomination in Pennsylvania, Rev. Dr. Falkenstein.

The first two chapters of this history elaborately illustrated, are in print, the third and fourth will be read here

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<sup>1</sup> Published by the State.

to-day. The Society is fully alive to the rich heritage under its care, and is inaugurating a new historical era in Pennsylvania by its elaborate and accurate publications.

In this connection allow me to draw attention to a historical work just published by the Putnams in New York and London. It is *The Story of the Palatines* by Sanford H. Cobb, the former pastor of the High-Dutch churches of Schoharie and Saugerties, which, after a truly pragmatical account of the conditions in the Palatinate, and a description of the Exodus of the Palatines, and the attempted settlements in New York, also describes the movement from New York into Pennsylvania in an interesting and valuable way, and adds an outline map on the Palatine Settlements in Pennsylvania. The writer of the book goes further in the praises of the Germans than our Society has ever ventured. He says:<sup>1</sup> "Solely on account of the large influx of this German, and chiefly Palatine, element into Pennsylvania, bringing thither their qualities of thrift, steadiness and piety, the contemporary historian Mortimer declared that 'Pennsylvania is since become by far the most populous and flourishing colony for its standing of any in British America.'<sup>2</sup> So early did the beneficial effects of this immigration begin to manifest themselves." Mr. Cobb then continues: "And to this day we can see with small effort the reproduction in the population of the Keystone State of that same moral earnestness, soberness of mind and unflinching persistence which composed the 'staying' qualities of the early Palatines."

In conclusion allow me to offer two practical recommendations. The first matter is the advisability of entering into some recognized relationship with the various

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<sup>1</sup>P. 15.

<sup>2</sup>*History of England*, III., 233.

County Historical Societies that have been springing up in the State, and doing good historical work. If our organization could be brought into practical touch with these local organizations, important data, materials and sources for our publications and new material for our membership would gradually arise. The appointment of a standing committee on Local Historical Societies, whose duty it would be to render an annual report of such work of these societies as would be of interest to this organization might connect us properly with these associations.

Secondly, allow me to suggest that we make an effort to have the publications of the Society placed in every town and city and public library in the State, and particularly in every school library. The children of our State should be brought into touch with the history of their fathers. They should be taught to prize it. We should throw our influence in the channels of the schools. It should be impressed upon members of school boards that German influence should not be forgotten, and that German history should not be consigned to oblivion. The highest aim of this Society in the paradise of Pennsylvania should be to hand down the honorable past of the fathers to an equally honorable future of the children.

Following President Schmauk's address came the annual report of the Secretary of the Society, which was as follows :

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY HENRY MELCHIOR  
MUHLENBERG RICHARDS, OF READING, PA.

*To the officers and members of the Pennsylvania-German Society, Gentlemen:*

The fact that your Secretary has no suggestions to offer in his present Annual Report is evidence, in itself, of the



prosperous and harmonious condition of our Society at this time. During the year our active membership has increased most satisfactorily as to numbers, and, in the character of its material, leaves but little to be desired. Our reputation has spread throughout the whole of our country, as well as to Germany, and we are by no means unknown in South America, Mexico and elsewhere. This happy condition of affairs has been brought about by the high character of the work we are doing and by the enviable status of our membership. It is not proposed to lower the standard of either. Our recently published volume of "Proceedings" is already in the hands of some of our members, and, it is hoped, will speedily be received by the others. It is a work of exceeding interest and great historic value. It contains the opening papers of our "History of Pennsylvania, as developed under German Influence," which are handsomely embellished by numerous engravings, fac-similes and maps, many of which are very rare. It has already reflected very great credit upon the Society, which we are certain will be increased, rather than impaired, by the additions which will be made to it.

During the past year, with very great labor Dr. D. W. Nead, of our Executive Committee, has prepared a most excellent index of the first six volumes of our "Proceedings." The Society need hardly be reminded of the value of this addition to our literature. Whilst the Executive Committee has already extended a vote of thanks to the Doctor for his work, the extent of which but few can realize, it has requested me to urge the Society, as such, to take similar action, as a token of its appreciation of his high gift, and to recommend a resolution authorizing the printing of said index in a separate volume, for the use of members.

I take pleasure, also, in acknowledging the receipt, since our last meeting, of the following valuable works, which have been presented to the Society and for which I have made suitable acknowledgment to the donors :

Historical Sermon, delivered September 13, 1896, by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., on the occasion of the 155th Anniversary of Jerusalem Church, Salzburg Township, Lehigh County, Pa.

Translation by C. Grosse, of Biographical Notes on Friedrich Adam Julius, Freiherrn von Wangenheim, written by his grandson, and donated by Major J. G. Rosengarten. (This appears in our "Proceedings," Vol. VII.)

The Palatinate or German Immigration to New York and Pennsylvania, a paper read by Rev. Sanford H. Cobb, of Albany, N. Y., before the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, and presented by said Society.

The 8th, 9th and 10th Annual Reports, Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, 1894-96.

Genealogy of the Meyer family by Henry Meyer, Esq., of Rebersburg, Pa.

Schiller's Song of the Bell, and other Poems by Col. T. C. Zimmerman.

The Historical Origin of Muhlenberg College: Dr. F. J. F. Schantz.

Zur Geschichte des Deutchthums in Indiana: Dr. W. A. Fritsch.

Our membership now foots up the satisfactory total of 279 (of which three are honorary). During the year 38 new applicants were elected, and one reinstated. We suffered the loss of four by death, one by withdrawal and thirty-six delinquents. Twenty-five new applications were presented to the Executive Committee at its recent meeting.

Let us hope that He who rules the entire universe will

continue to prosper us hereafter, as He has in the past, in the good work we have undertaken.

#### THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Julius F. Sachse, Esq., Treasurer of the Society, presented his report, which showed a balance in his hands amounting to \$281.65.

On motion a Committee consisting of Messrs. S. M. Sener and George B. Kulp were appointed to audit the accounts. They reported the same correct.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was tendered by the Society to Dr. D. W. Nead for the index which he had prepared to the first six volumes of the Society's publications.

Upon Dr. R. K. Buehrle's motion the Executive Committee was instructed to appoint various members whose duty it shall be to correspond with local Historical Societies.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The next business in order being the election of officers, a motion to enter upon such elections was made and carried.

The following persons were then placed in nomination: President, Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Lancaster; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Thomas C. Porter, Easton, and Hon. John B. McPherson, Lebanon; Secretary, H. M. M. Richards, Reading (re-elected); Treasurer, Julius F. Sachse, Esq., Philadelphia; Members of the Executive Committee, Dr. T. E. Schmauk, Lebanon; Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, Myers-town, and Col. Thomas C. Zimmerman, Reading. There

being no contestants, the above named persons were unanimously elected.

Professor M. H. Richards extended an invitation to the Society to hold its next annual meeting at Allentown. The matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee, with an affirmative recommendation on the part of the Society.

An invitation was then extended to the members of the Society by the local committee in charge, to meet them at luncheon at Payne's Cafe, where a bountiful spread was prepared for their entertainment. The invitation was accepted, after which the Society took a recess.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society re-convened at 2 P. M. with President Schmauk in the chair, who introduced the President-elect, Dr. N. C. Schaeffer to the members, and then retired.

Dr. Schaeffer thanked the Society for the honor conferred on him and said the Society had made remarkable progress along the line of its particular work. He promised his hearty coöperation.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT.

Dr. W. H. Egle, chairman of the committee appointed one year ago to inquire into the expediency of selecting a permanent headquarters for the records of the Society, submitted the following resolution, which after some discussion was adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this committee and it does hereby recommend that the Historical Society of Lancaster County be invited to become the custodian and depository of the documents, records, etc., of the Pennsylvania-German Society, to hold in trust until future ac-

tion in the premises shall be taken for the use of the said Society and others. Provided, that the said documents and records shall be kept separate and apart from the other records of the Lancaster County Historical Society, in a safe and fire-proof building, and in a case or cases to be supplied by the Pennsylvania-German Society.

WM. H. EGLE,  
S. P. HEILMAN,  
LEE L. GRUMBINE,  
BENJ. M. NEAD,  
N. C. SCHAEFFER.

READING OF PAPERS.

The reading of papers being in order, the first one presented was entitled "The First Discoverers of America German, not Latin," by H. M. M. Richards, Esq., of Reading.

A paper prepared by the Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, of Philadelphia, on "The Founding of Germantown," was, in the absence of the author, read by J. F. Sachse, Esq.

"The German Emigration to America," was the title of a paper read by the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

Some discussion followed the reading of the papers, a number of members being of the opinion that the valuable publications of the Society ought to have a wider circulation—ought to in some way reach the pupils in the public schools. The suggestion was made that the proceedings of the Society should be noted in the *School Journal*, the official Free School organ of the State. The suggestion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

After extending a vote of thanks to the local membership for the hospitality extended to the visiting members, the Society adjourned.

Under the escort of a large local committee, the wives and daughters of the visiting members were given an excursion over the city and country trolley lines, which was much enjoyed.

#### IN THE EVENING.

In the evening there was a grand reception at the Stevens House, from 7:30 until 9 P. M.

At the last named hour the annual banquet was served in the large dining room, to which one hundred members, with their wives, sat down.

Hon. W. U. Hensel officiated as toastmaster, and the following were the toasts responded to: "Eastern Pennsylvania," Rev. Paul de Schweinitz; "Bench and Bar," Hon. J. W. Bittenger; "Unsre Frauen und Schätze," W. M. Franklin, Esq.; "Journalism in Our Commonwealth," B. F. Meyers; "The Pennsylvania Dutch and the Pennsylvania German," Congressman Daniel Ermentrout; "Mine Own People," Dr. N. C. Schaeffer.

With these exercises closed one of the most successful meetings the Society has ever held.







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